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I am writing in hopes that the members in this hearing will vote in the unemployment extension and for a tier five to be added. As I am sure you know this affects so many people and many will end up or are already homeless. I am one of the fortunate ones because at 50 years old, I was able to move my wife and myself in with my mother. As far as my pride I have had to swallow it in order to provide for my family. Some say things are getting better, but I have to tell you, I don't see it where I live. Hernando County Florida with a population of **165,201** as of 04/20/2010. Today I checked the local State Employment job site and in and there was **7 jobs** available and 3 of those jobs were sales positions on commission only pay and the other 4 were for Doctors and Lawyers. We need to vote this bill in and stop putting so many lives at stake. We can send all this money to help other countries when they need help, then I guess we can do this for our own people.

I would like you to just to imagine if today you lost your job and all pay coming in, could not find a job, ran out of savings after working most all of your life, paid into taxes and unemployment along the way and be told "Oh well you used it all up and now you are not my problem!" That is the way we are feeling! I was brought up as a proud American and always showed my respect to it and what it stands for but I have to tell you I am not so proud lately. We have a saying,

"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Well we are here so where is the Golden Door?  
Please vote yes on this bill!  
Thank you,  
Joel Frost